

WARRANT

Special Town Meeting

JUNE 28, 2023 At 6:30 o'clock in the evening at Pioneer Valley Regional School 97 F. Sumner Turner Road

Franklin, ss

To any of the Constables of the Town of Northfield, in said County of Franklin, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, who being qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Pioneer Valley Regional School, 97 F. Sumner Turner Road, in said Northfield, on the 28th day of June at 6:30 p.m.; then and there to act upon the enclosed articles, to wit:

In case all articles in the foregoing Warrant shall not be acted upon at the Meeting called for on the 28th day of June 2023 to meet in Adjourned Sessions at such time and place as the meeting shall determine.

This building is accessible to the handicapped and designated parking is provided. If requested, at least one week before the meeting, warrants with large print can be available. Please call the Town Clerk's office at least one week before the Town Meeting at 413-498-2901 x112.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay the costs of a new Emergency Services Building, including, design, engineering, project management, construction, site preparation, the acquisition and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment, and all other incidental costs related thereto, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate for Fiscal Year 2024 a sum or sums of money to pay the costs of a new Emergency Services Building, including, design, engineering, project management, construction, site preparation, the acquisition and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment, and all other incidental costs related thereto, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase, gift or eminent domain, a fee simple interest in the property located at 168 Main Street, said property identified as Parcel ID #17-A11A-1, and described in a deed recorded with the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Book 5402, Page 240, *AND* Parcel ID #17-A11B-1, as described in a deed recorded with

the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Book 3174, Page 249, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate, with the care, custody and control of said property to be held by the Select Board for general municipal purposes, including a public safety facility, and, as funding for said acquisition, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to acquire the property described herein and for all legal fees and other costs incidental and/or related thereto; and, further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments on behalf of the Town as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this article, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the available remaining funds from Article 19 voted at Annual Town Meeting May 2, 2022 for the purchase of a new or used Debris Truck for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 5: Bylaw on Committee membership

Amend/Replace Bylaw currently:

Any person appointed by an authorized appointing authority for the Town of Northfield to a Town board, commission, committee or council to represent the Town of Northfield on a board, commission, committee or council must be a registered voter in the Town of Northfield. Further, following appointment, if such person changes his/her residence from the Town of Northfield, he/she can no longer serve the Town in that capacity.

To read:

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ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of certain properties, being Assessor's Map 24-D1-1 (Parker Avenue), Assessor's Map 24-D2-1 (Parker Avenue), Assessor's Map 24-D2-1 (Parker Avenue), Assessor's Map 24-D5-1 (Great Meadow Road), Assessor's Map 24-D9-1 (Rear Parker Avenue), Assessor's Map 31-A6.2-1 (St. Mary's Street), Assessor's Map 40-B1-1 (Gill Center Road), Assessor's Map 55-D9-1 (Cross Road) and Assessor's Map 64-A1-1 (Swamp Road), from the board or commission having the care, custody and control thereof, from the purpose for which the properties are currently held, to the Select Board for the purpose of conveyance, and authorize the Select Board to convey said properties by such method, including auction, and on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Select Board deems appropriate, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting a copy thereof attended to by you in writing in each of five public places in the Town at least fourteen days before the time for holding and meeting called for in the Warrant. Hereof, fail not and make due return of the Warrant your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Town on or before the 28th day of June 2023.

Given under our hands at Northfield the 13th day of June in the year of 2023.

THE SELECT BOARD Northfield, Massachusetts

Alexander R. Meisner, Chair

Bernard J. Boydreau, Vice-Chair

Sarah R.H. Kerns, Clerk

Barbara L. Jacque

Heath F. Cummings

FRANKLIN, SS.

Pursuant to this Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield by posting attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, the United States Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Memorial Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms, and the V.F.W., West Northfield, in said Town fourteen days at least before hereof, as herein directed.

Constable of Northfield, Massachusetts

MAY BE REMOVED AFTER JUNE 28TH, 2023

Date: 6-14-23